

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01597-RBW**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. FEDERAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/05/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/05/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5571905) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit, # <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/05/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/06/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zjd) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/06/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 07/06/2018)

07/23/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Proof of Service by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Thurston, Robin) (Entered: 07/23/2018)
08/13/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.(Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/24/2018	<u>6</u>	STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
08/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>6</u> Defendant's Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a proposed production schedule on or before September 14, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on August 28, 2018. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
08/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Production Schedule due by 9/14/2018. (gdf) (Entered: 08/28/2018)
09/14/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT & Proposed Production Schedule by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
10/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report and Proposed Production Schedule, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the defendant shall review 500 pages of potentially responsive records per month. It is further ORDERED that the defendant shall make an initial production to the plaintiff on or before October 19, 2018. It is further ORDERED that on or before November 13, 2018, the parties shall file a joint status report informing the Court of their progress toward resolving this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for dispositive motions. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 3, 2018. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/03/2018)
10/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2018 (hs) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Brian J. Field on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Sherri L. Morgan (Field, Brian) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. (Field, Brian) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
12/03/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before January 8, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report informing the Court of their progress toward resolving this case and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for dispositive motions. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 3, 2018. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
12/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/8/2019. (gdf) (Entered: 12/03/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay in Light of Lapse of Appropriations by FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (Field, Brian) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>10</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion To Stay Proceedings in Light of Lapse in Appropriations, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. The motion is GRANTED to the extent that the government seeks to vacate the impending deadlines in this case. The motion is DENIED in all other respects. It is further ORDERED that the impending deadlines in this case are VACATED pending further Order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that, on or before January 28, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how this case shall proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 7, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
01/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/28/2019 (hs) (Entered: 01/07/2019)